

Rio Grande National Forest Land Management Plan

Land Management Plan (LMP) Administrative Change #1

Agency Process Information

36 CFR 219.7(f) defines administrative changes to LMPs.

An administrative change is any change to a plan that is not a plan amendment or plan revision. Administrative changes include correction of clerical errors to any part of the plan, conformance of the plan to new statutory or regulatory requirements, or changes to other content in the plan.

The direction further defines that an administrative change may be made following public notice (36 CFR 219.16(c)(6)).

Forest Service Handbook 1909.12, Chapter 20 includes the Agency direction for administrative changes to land management plans.

The changes being incorporated in Administrative Change #1 include addition to the Forest management areas.

Administrative Change

The intent of this change is to incorporate and assign management area designations to a newly acquired parcel of land.

Six hundred thirty-six (636) acres of land was gained in two separate acquisitions in 2017 and 2018. The parcels are in Sections 2, 3 and 10, T. 32 N., R. 5 E., New Mexico Prime Meridian, in Conejos County Colorado. The 636 acres of National Forest System land falls within two management areas designated in the LMP.

- 231 acres of Management Area 4.21- Special Designation – Scenic Byways and Scenic Railroads
- 408 acres in Management Area 5 – General Forest and Rangelands.

This land will be subject to the applicable plan components defined in the LMP.

Comment Opportunity

If you have input or comments related to this proposed change to the LMP, please submit those via email to comments-rocky-mountain-río-grande@usda.gov. The period for submitting comments specific to this proposed change is **January 15, 2022**.